

I. Amendments

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A message figure comprising: a magnetic display sheet which includes a plurality of microcapsules encapsulating oily liquid, light-absorbing ferromagnetic powder, light-reflecting nonmagnetic powder and anti-settling agent, and is adapted for making a drawing or a writing of a character and the like from a front side of the magnetic display sheet by using a drawing tool having a magnet, and for erasing the drawing or the writing from the front side of the magnetic display sheet by using an erasing tool having a magnet, the magnetic display sheet being attached to the figure.

2. (Original) The message figure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the magnetic display sheet constitutes part of an outline of the figure.

3. (Original) A message figure set comprising: a figure to which attached is a magnetic display sheet which includes a plurality of microcapsules encapsulating oily liquid, light-absorbing ferromagnetic powder, light-reflecting nonmagnetic powder and anti-settling agent, the magnetic display sheet being adapted for front-drawing and front-erasing; a drawing tool which includes a magnet and is adapted for making a drawing or a writing of a character and the like from a front side of the magnetic display sheet; and an erasing tool which includes a magnet and is adapted for erasing the drawing or the writing from the front side of the magnetic display sheet.

4. (Original) The message figure set as claimed in claim 3, wherein the magnetic display sheet constitutes part of an outline of the figure.

5. (Currently Amended) The message figure set as claimed in claim 3 ~~or 4~~, wherein the erasing tool includes a rubbing portion to rub a surface of the magnetic display sheet upon the erasing, and the rubbing portion is configured such that the magnet for the erasing is separated from the surface of the magnetic display sheet by a predetermined distance upon the erasing.

6. (Currently Amended) The message figure set as claimed in ~~any one of claims 3 to 5~~ claim 3, wherein the drawing tool and the erasing tool are integrated to form a pen shape as a whole.

7. (Currently Amended) The message figure set as claimed in ~~any one of claims 3 to 6~~ claim 3, wherein N and S poles of the magnet for the erasing are placed along the surface of the magnet display sheet upon the erasing.

8. (New) The message figure set as claimed in claim 4, wherein the erasing tool includes a rubbing portion to run a surface of the magnetic display sheet upon the erasing, and the rubbing portion is configured such that the magnet for the erasing is separated from the surface of the magnetic display sheet by a predetermined distance upon the erasing.

9. (New) The message figure set as claimed in claim 4, wherein the drawing tool and the erasing tool are integrated to form a pen shape as a whole.

10. (New) The message figure set as claimed in claim 5, wherein the drawing tool and the erasing tool are integrated to form a pen shape as a whole.

11. (New) The message figure set as claimed in claim 4, wherein N and S poles of the magnet for the erasing are placed along the surface of the magnet display sheet upon the erasing.

12. (New) The message figure set as claimed in claim 5, wherein N and S poles of the magnet for the erasing are placed along the surface of the magnet display sheet upon the erasing.

13. (New) The message figure set as claimed in claim 6, wherein N and S poles of the magnet for the erasing are placed along the surface of the magnet display sheet upon the erasing.

14. (New) The message figure set as claimed in claim 8, wherein N and S poles of the magnet for the erasing are placed along the surface of the magnet display sheet upon the erasing.

15. (New) The message figure set as claimed in claim 9, wherein N and S poles of the magnet for the erasing are placed along the surface of the magnet display sheet upon the erasing.

16. (New) The message figure set as claimed in claim 10, wherein N and S poles of the magnet for the erasing are placed along the surface of the magnet display sheet upon the erasing.